House District 9

Joe L. Hayes, Jr., Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: May 1, 1970

PLACE OF BIRTH: Manhattan, New York

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OCCUPATION: Insurance associate

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 11 years Fairbanks 1989 to present

EDUCATION:

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Baltimore, Maryland), 1984-1988; University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1992-1997, B.A. Political Science, General Education, Joel Wiegert Award Winner (given to outstanding graduating male.)

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. Air Force, Eielson AFB, 1989-1992, E-4, Sergeant, Honorable Discharge. Medals: Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Commendation.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska Legislature; member, CSG Aging Committee, 2000-present; NCBSL Telecommunication and Energy Committees, 2000-present; regent, University of Alaska; trustee, UA Foundation; president, ASUAF; spokesperson, Alaska Coalition of Student Leaders; commissioner, FNSB Health and Social Services Commission; legislative aide, Representative Tom Brice.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Member, Greater Fairbanks Chamber and Black Chamber of Commerce; insurance associate, AFLAC.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

UAF Alumni Association; NAACP; Kiwanis International; Interior Veterans Coalition; American Legion Post 57.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Public service, reading, bowling, basketball, baseball, tennis, and computers.

STATEMENT:

Education:

Educating Alaskans is my highest priority. From K-12, to Vocational-Technical and University training, I want to provide tools for Alaskans to be competitive for the best jobs. As a legislator the last two years, I helped increase funding for education to its highest levels in over a decade.

Sustainable Economic Development:

The state's dependence on the oil industry is unpredictable and unreliable. I worked tirelessly to diversify our economy by providing Alaska communities the economic tools to compete with lower 48 states for new businesses by introducing HB 36, Enterprise Zones. As your legislator, I will continue to promote natural resource development and advocate for a gas pipeline that goes through the Interior. My responsibility to the men and women of Fairbanks is to help them gain opportunities to earn a wage that allows for more than paycheck to paycheck survival.

Long-term budget plan:

Just like a business, the state needs a plan balancing revenues with expenses. Not addressing Alaskans current budget crisis is both poor public policy and a recipe for disaster. As a member of the fiscal policy caucus, I worked to develop a long-term budget plan that provided for a balanced budget and maintained essential state services.

Permanent Fund:

The permanent fund dividend is vital for the state's economy. I worked to protect the dividend program by voting for a long-range fiscal plan. Without a long-range plan, the permanent fund dividend will be eliminated.

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